

appearances go, but Californians say appearances count for nothing, it is facts that tell, and I guess they are right. Sacramento was our first large town, and made a very favorable impression upon me. From there we had fifty-four miles to our destination, and were soon southward bound to it. We passed through one of the great wheat raising districts of the world, but in the gathering gloom of night, could see little of it. Stockton, ten miles from destination, was all aglow with electric light, from the ground to the top of the court house dome. Not because of our coming, but because California's Native Sons were gathering there, and great preparation had been made to welcome and entertain them. The display caused my drooping spirits to revive for I could see there was a commendable spirit of pride there, and push and enterprise. From the area covered by electric decorations, I was convinced that there were some people not far away. I shall have more to say of Stockton in a future communication. Lathrop was our next stop, and bidding "good-bye" to our traveling companions, we alighted from the train which had been our home four days, only to find that we were not expected until the following day. So there was no one at the depot, it was night, and I was just a trifle blue. The railroad agent, Mr. Pontius, very kindly took charge of us, and conveyed us to the home of brother J. P. Wolfe, a mile away. We entered it and found welcome with this estimable Christian family. God be praised for the revelations he has made to us, and for the protecting care wherewith we have been remembered.

MARTIN SHIVELY.

Lathrop, Calif.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED.

By agreement members met at the home of Brother Neff for the organization of a Brethren Church in this community. The meeting was opened by singing and prayer. Brother D. S. Cripe, of Elkhart, Ind. was appointed chairman and sister Ceora J. Garst, secretary pro tem. A few remarks in the way of explanation were made by the chairman.

A motion was made and carried by a unanimous vote that we organize a permanent Brethren Church in this community.

A motion made and seconded, also carried by ballot unanimously that brother S. M. Aukerman and brother Henry Frantz be elected deacons.

Sister Minnie Neff elected Secretary. Brother Peter Neff elected Treasurer. Three trustees elected by ballot were brother Joel Garst having the highest number of votes serving three years, next highest

John Garst, two years, Arthur Wunmer, one year.

After which brother Henry Frantz was ordained deacon. Brother Aukerman had served as deacon in the G. B. church for a number of years.

It was agreed by members that this organization should be known as the Mount Vernon Brethren Church. It consists of 21 charter members.

A meeting was appointed at the home of S. M. Aukerman, November 7th.

The meeting was closed by prayer and song.

D. S. CRIFE, Chairman.

CEORA J. GARST, Sec'y.

Somerset, Ind.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO.

Not having reported from this place for some time, I feel as though we are entitled to a little space in the EVANGELIST. We are happy to say that church work is moving along very encouragingly. We are having large congregations, and good spiritual meetings. At Georgetown I baptized two since our last report, and the prospects are good for more very soon. At Middlebranch, the King's Children Society numbers forty members, and is on the increase, and if God shall bless this society as they need His blessing, one of the largest societies in the brotherhood shall be at Middlebranch.

The S. S. C. E. is also doing most excellent work for the church. They are not great in numbers, but like Gideon's three hundred that were left from the thirty-two thousand, they are not afraid to go to battle, and the church is gaining the victory, and God is being honored and glorified.

We intend to begin our protracted meeting at Middlebranch, on Nov. 22, and ask the prayers of God's people in our behalf. When we are through at Middlebranch, we intend to begin at Georgetown. Hoping and trusting, that since the election is over, we may be able to turn the minds of the people from things political to things spiritual. Fraternally,

J. L. KIMMEL.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Mrs. J. C. Yoder and her son Arthur, of Lancaster, Pa., have been received from the G. B. Brethren by relation. Their address is North Queen St., Lancaster, Pa. Brother and Sister Powers of Washington D. C., have also handed in their letters for membership here. They have located here in the city. The Lord in a marvelous way called them into anti-secret work. They have an anti-secret mission here. They have literature sufficient to convince any candid unprejudiced

man who will honestly read both sides that the great secret organizations are anti-gospel.

We have baptized four since our meetings began. Hence eight that had not been reported. We have several more applicants. The Lord has done more for us than we asked. We ask all the dear children of God to pray earnestly for us that our band may receive much power from above.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

ALTOONA, PA.

We are glad to say to our readers through the EVANGELIST that our little church of Altoona is prospering and gaining ground. Since we have moved in our new place of worship which was on July 19, last, we can see quite a change for the better. We have a very cozy and attractive place of worship, and we feel that the Lord has been with us, and his blessings have been upon us. We as a church have reason to rejoice and be glad. Our pastor W. L. Spanogle, has been in rather poor health for some time, but always faithful and prompt to his duty and work. He is now greatly improved and preached two very able and well selected sermons on last Sunday. Brother Darling of Johnstown has arranged to hold a revival meeting for us some time in the near future, or as soon as he is through with his meeting now in progress at Rosedale. Christian friends, pray for us that we may have a glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we may have a great ingathering of precious souls and that our church may be strengthened in spirit and in number. Our Sunday-school although not as large as some is healthy and interesting and we feel proud of it. We organized a Young People's Society less than two months ago and we have every reason to believe that it will prove beneficial to us in many ways. Dear reader, pray for us that we may always be found faithful in the cause of the blessed Master.

S. BERKEYBILE.

BUCKEYE CITY, OHIO.

After two weeks of an effort, in the midst of the political campaign, we closed our revival, which resulted in no accessions, but we trust that we did not labor in vain. We broke up the ground and sowed the good seed as best we could and look for a harvest yet to come. We are much encouraged by the revival of interest among the brethren. Brother Grisso assisted us with two good sermons. He and wife were also present at our communion which was a very pleasant and impressive meeting.

H. M. OBERHOLTZER.